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Information circular*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

Subject: **First day of issue — 20 February 2003: "Inter-Parliamentary Union" stamp**

Commemorative stamps

1. On Thursday, 20 February 2003, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a definitive stamp to celebrate the inauguration of the new headquarters of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) in Geneva. The opening of the new headquarters, known as the House of Parliaments, coincides with the decision of the United Nations General Assembly to grant observer status to IPU.

2. Graphic artists competed to design the SwF 0,90 IPU stamp, and the winner of the competition was Cyril Wursten (Switzerland).

(United States equivalent: SwF 0,90: 60 cents, subject to exchange-rate fluctuation.)

General information

3. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled Geneva first-day covers on the UNPA official first day cachets **only**. Members of delegations and the staff can obtain these items on Thursday, 20 February, at the following locations:

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(a) UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

(b) Temporary counter on the east side of the Secretariat lobby between the cafeteria and the news-stand, in front of the windows: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

4. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.